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H. R. 6156

To renew the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to approve demonstration projects designed to test innovative strategies in State child welfare programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT (for himself and Mr. LINDER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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A BILL

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1   *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. RENEWAL OF AUTHORITY TO APPROVE DEM-**

4   **ONSTRATION PROJECTS DESIGNED TO TEST**

5   **INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES IN STATE CHILD**

6   **WELFARE PROGRAMS.**

7   Section 1130 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

8 1320a–9) is amended—

1   (1) in subsection (a)—

2   (A) in paragraph (2), by striking "1998

3   through 2003" and inserting "2011 through

4   2016";

5   (B) in paragraph (3)—

6   (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting

7   "or kinship guardianship" after "place-

8   ments";

9   (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking

10   "address kinship care" and inserting "pro-

11   vide early intervention and crisis interven-

12   tion services that safely reduce out-of-home

13   placements and improve child outcomes"; and

14   and

15   (iii) by redesignating subparagraph

16   (C) as subparagraph (D) and inserting

17   after subparagraph (B) the following:

18   "(C) If an appropriate application therefor

19   is submitted, the Secretary shall consider au-

20   thorizing a demonstration project which is de-

21   signed to identify and address domestic violence

22   that endangers children and results in the

23   placement of children in foster care.";

24   (C) in paragraph (4), by inserting "or kin-

25   ship guardianship" after "assistance"; and

1   (D) in paragraph (5), by inserting "and

2   the ability of the State to implement a correc-

3   tive action approved under section 1123A" be-

4   fore the period;

5   (2) in subsection (e)—

6   (A) by striking "and" at the end of para-

7   graph (6);

8   (B) by striking the period at the end of

9   paragraph (7) and inserting "; and"; and

10   (C) by adding at the end the following:

11   "(8) an accounting of any additional Federal,

12 State, local, and private investments (other than

13 those with respect to which matching funds were

14 provided under part B or E of title IV) made, dur-

15 ing the 2 fiscal years preceding the application to

16 provide the services described in paragraph (1), and

17 an assurance that the State will provide an account-

18 ing of that same spending for each year of an ap-

19 proved demonstration project.";

20   (3) in subsection (f)(1)—

21   (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking ";

22   and" and inserting ", including all children and

23   families under the project who come to the at-

24   tention of the State's child welfare program, ei-

25   ther through a report of abuse or neglect or

1 through the provision of services described in

2 subsection (e)(1) to the child or family;''; and

3 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as

4 subparagraph (D) and inserting after subpara-

5 graph (B) the following:

6 ''(C) a comparison of the amounts of Fed-

7 eral, State, local and private investments in the

8 services described in subsection (e)(1), by serv-

9 ice type, with the amount of the investments

10 during the period of the demonstration project;

11 and''; and

12 (4) by adding at the end the following:

13 ''(h) INDIAN TRIBES CONSIDERED STATES.—An In-

14 dian tribe (as defined in section 479B(a)) shall be consid-

15 ered a State for purposes of this section.''.

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